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- The Egyptian Covernment maintains several cultural, educational, and technical institutions in the Sudan, the activities of which are totally independent of the Sudanese Administration. The Egyptian Government also maintains detachments of Egyptian troops at three points in the Sudan. The social life of about 16,000 Egyptian residents centers chiefly around these few outposts, which also serve as media of Egyptian liaison and propaganda with local pro-Egyptian
- 2. The most important Egyptian establishment in the Sudan is the Egyptian Irrigation Department, with headquarters in Khartoum. This department maintains a station at Gordon's Tree Dockyard, near Khartoum, and an inspectorate at the Gebel Aulia Dam, 30 miles south of Khartoum on the White Nile. Egyptian influence reaches its southernmost point at Malakal, administrative headquarters of the Upper Nile Province, where the Egyptian Irrigation Department also maintains an inspectorate. The most important officials of the department are as follows:
 - a. Office of the Inspector General, Khartoum:

Inspector General - Dr. Muhammad Amin Bey

Assistant Inspector - E. S. Waller

Chief Civil Engineer - 'Abd-al-Fattah Fahmi

Director of Hydrological Office - 'Abd-al-Salam Hashim

Controller of Stores and Accounts - Abd-al-Gawad Ahmad

Assistant Director of Works - Hamid Khalil

Assistant Director of Works - Ismail Maguid

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b. Gordon's Tree Dockyard

Deputy Inspector - Muhammad Abu Bakr Yahya

Chief Civil Engineer - Muhammad Hilmi Kashmiri

Director of Mechanical Works - Mustafa Ahmad Zayat

c. Gebel Aulia Dam Inspectorate

Deputy Inspector - Hasan Fathi Dib

Chief Engineer - Muharram 'Ali Fahmi

d. Upper White Nile Inspectorate

Inspector - H. G. Bambridge

Deputy Inspector - 'Abd-al-Moneim Hilmi

Director of Mechanical Works - Mitwalli Issa

Assistant Director - Wadai Michail

Chief Engineer - 'Abd-al-Rahman Galal

It will be noted that there are two Englishmen in the Egyptian Irrigation Department: Waller at Khartoum, and Bambridge at the Upper White Nile Inspectorate. The Department has a total of about one hundred employees.

- 1. Dr. Muhammad Amin Bey, Inspector General of the Irrigation Department, arrived in Khartoum on 31 August, replacing Muhammad Sabri Kurdi Bey. During his incumbency Kurdi had actively promoted liaison between the Egyptian Government and Sudanese pro-Egyptian elements. He was instrumental in the transfer of officials and unofficial Egyptian funds to the Sudan Railway strikers in the spring of 1948 and his backing of, and secret contacts with, the National Front served to encourage the aggressive attitude of the pro-Egyptian elements and resulted in repeated disturbances. It was reported that Kurdi would be appointed Undersecretary for the Ministry of Public Works on his return to Egypt.
- 5. Miralai Ahmad 'Abd-al-Fattah Bishari Bey, commander of the Egyptian troops in the Sudan, also instigated provocative activities, more or less openly. In July 1948 he held a reception for Muhammad Amin Husayn, who had just completed a six months' sentence for sedition. This was manifestly a move designed to encourage the pro-unity adherents.

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